

SCHOOLS ARE VISITED

Gazette Representative Makes a Tour of Schools and Finds Much to Interest Him in Both Upper and Lower Grades

The Gazette Representative was personally conducted the other day, by the Great High Mogul of Alexandria's principal industry, through the many departments in which its greatest assets are being shaped and pruned and fitted for the most important of all life's tests—the first plunge into the great game of life.

The G. R. was a little abashed at the prospect. It seemed to him that a fellow who had to carry all the details of the education of nearly nineteen hundred white, and four hundred or so of colored children, must be wiser than anybody else he had encountered in a long time.

The High Mogul is named Sweeney. He was found in his office in the Lee school talking to some little girls about vaccination certificates and other horrible details that are necessary to prevent one youngster from going out and getting some undesirable sort of disease and then giving it away free, to lots of other little youngsters, whose parents wouldn't have any use for it at all.

Then there was a lady, who was a little upset, who wanted to run the school system her way; and who became very indignant when she was told that there are probably three or four thousand other people in Alexandria would like to do the same thing. She was asked, very gently, what she thought would be the result, if she had her own way, and where the youngsters who are hungering and thirsting for the three R's and all their modern trimmings would get off, if all these would be school superintendent and City School Board members had their way. She was one of those people, however, who answer one question with another question or an entirely irrelevant statement.

She said, in effect:

I know Misses E. M. Anderson, J. Gilbert Cox, Dr. S. H. Lunt, Luther H. Thompson, P. M. Bradshaw, S. L. Monroe William Helmuth Carroll Pierce, R. M. Colvin, T. Calvert Perry, Clifton Howard, and Dr. Samuel H. Moore, and if any of them know any more about children than I do I'll give them the five I've got right now.

She knew all the members of the school board, all right. But at this point Mr. Sweeney very tactfully used the G. R. as an excuse to get her off on her way elsewhere and we started to go through the grades. We began at the very beginning, as is proper in an educational expedition, and immediately the High Mogul became just a plain, ordinary everyday sort of a chap that had a heart, you suspected, a little bigger than a duck egg. Why? Well, just as soon as we opened the door of the first room, a simultaneous grin grew on forty chubby little faces and, with one accord, as many voices cried:

"Please tell us a story, Mister Sweeney."

And in every other room that we entered until we got to the High School, where they are getting so near the beginning of the test and their natural exuberance of youth is tinged with, mayhap, a little apprehension, or they have learned to control their feelings better, it was the same—Mr. Sweeney was urged to tell a story. But one thing was apparent, and it seemed a very important thing. In all the departments in all the schools there was an air of good cheer. There was none of that heavy strained look that used to be associated with education; and which is still present in many of the schools the G. R. has visited. One reason for this, undoubtedly, is that the schedules of studies are greatly diversified. The toddlers especially do not study any one thing too long, and they have frequent recesses in which they can stretch their chubby little toddler-pins. And, better still, the teachers of the lower grades are experts. They keep on teaching the lower grade scholars, understanding them, their peculiar little mental kinks and so on, year after year, laying the foundations on which shall afterwards be laid all the higher run-

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MERCHANTS MEET

And discuss Many Matters Pertaining to Boosting Alexandria—Will Have Buttons Made and Talk of Supporting Gazette.

Members of the Retail Merchants Association held their regular bi-monthly meeting in their rooms, at 415 Prince street last night. It was a 'Booster's' meeting. One of the principal points of discussion was concerned with the plans to bring the Government Armor Plant to Alexandria.

The committee which had been appointed to consider this project by the Merchant's Association rendered a favorable report anent the activities of the General Committee of the Chamber of Commerce. It was the consensus of opinion of the men present that the organization go on record as a body that it was their aim to assist in any manner possible in the bringing of the plant to this city.

A committee was also appointed to make arrangements to secure 4,000 buttons bearing the inscription "Boost Alexandria, Retail Merchants' Association."

President Joseph E. Schwarman, called the attention of the members to the probable return of the Alexandria Light Infantry Company, in the near future and suggested that a committee be appointed to help the city to give the men a fitting reception on their return. This proposal met with unanimous approval and the following were chosen: Samuel W. Pitts, John D. Matter, Raymond Blumenfeld, William F. Smith, and Dr. Thomas B. Cochran.

Among other matters considered was the proposal of R. E. Knight, that the Association give its united and hearty support to the Gazette. Mr. Knight stated that through its aid in making the paper stronger the members would thus help the city.

There was a large and interested attendance. In the absence of the secretary, R. B. Washington, Miss Catherine Petty, performed his duties.

SCOTTISH RITE REUNION

Fourth and Fifth Degrees Conferred on Class of Fifteen.

Washington Memorial Lodge of Perfection, No. 7, last night conferred the fourth and fifth degrees on a class of fifteen candidates in Masonic Temple last night. Other degrees will be conferred on date to be announced later.

The cast for the fourth degree last night follows: King Solomon, Frank W. Latham, thirty-second degree; Adoniram, William Lewis Allen, thirty-second degree; Zabud, Percy E. Clift, thirty-second degree, K. C. C. H.; captain of the guard, Llewellyn P. Chauncey, eighteenth degree.

The cast for the fifth degree was: King Solomon, Boyd J. Richards, thirty-second degree; King Hiram, Frank W. Latham, thirty-second degree; Adoniram, Percy E. Clift, thirty-second degree, K. C. C. H.; Zabud, William Lewis Allen, thirty-second degree; Jehosphat, Alexander M. Sherwood, thirty-second degree.

Guards—C. C. Batcheller, thirty-second degree; W. S. Connelly, thirty-second degree, K. C. C. H.; L. O. Hardin, fourteenth degree; H. B. Richards, fourteenth degree; P. O. Cockey, fourteenth degree; S. M. C. Estes, thirty-second degree; L. P. Chauncey, eighteenth degree; A. H. Peele, thirty-second degree; A. J. Jones, thirty-second degree; St. C. D. Shelton, thirtieth degree; H. W. Wildt, thirty-second degree, and Leopold Ruben, thirty-second degree.

SERMONS OF GYPSY SMITH, JR.

Those desiring back numbers of the Gazette containing the sermons preached by Gypsy Smith, Jr., at the evangelistic meetings in Alexandria, should call at the Gazette office at once and secure same, as the supply is limited. All the back numbers containing the sermons which still remain on hand have been arranged in sets. The price of each copy will be same as charged regularly for the paper.

Alexandria City and Suburbs

James B. Hasson, of Alexandria, has been enrolled among the students of Eastern College, Manassas.

Mr. Charles E. Jones of this city is visiting relatives in Charlottesville, Va.

Miss Margaret Ashby and Mrs. W. R. Purvis will be the guests of Mrs. Herbert Snowden during the month of October.

The Rev. Dr. Eugene B. Jackson has been chosen to preach the Thanksgiving sermon of the Baptist, Methodist Episcopal and Protestant and Presbyterian churches union service on November 30.

The game stated as to occur yesterday afternoon between the Alexandria High School and the Washington Western High school teams will be pulled off tomorrow afternoon, commencing at 3:30 o'clock, on the High School Campus.

The Rev. C. W. Stancill, a well-known evangelist of the Christian Church, will open a revival this evening, at 8 o'clock in the Old First Presbyterian Church. No limit to the length of time these meetings will endure has yet been set.

The order for services for the dedication of the Gypsy Smith Tabernacle at Charlottesville tomorrow evening at 8 o'clock has been arranged by the local Ministerial Union. The speakers for the occasion will be Hon. J. R. Caton and Judge Louis C. Barley, Judge of the Corporation Court, of this city.

An exhibit of the way forests should and should not be treated will be shown at the Hagerstown, Maryland, Fair, by the United States Forest Service. Mr. Eugene J. Lindsey, United States Forest Examiner who has been visiting his mother, Mrs. Catherine Lindsey at Braddock Heights left today for Hagerstown to take charge of the exhibit.

George W. Bontz, Exalted Ruler of Alexandria Lodge No. 758, B.P.O.E., is considering the membership of the committee of arrangements for the annual memorial services of the Lodge which will be held on Sunday night, December 3, in the Elks Auditorium. The Rev. Edgar C. Carpenter, State Chaplain of the Order, is expected to officiate at these services in connection with other members of the Order.

THE ELKS CONVENTION.

Rev. Edgar C. Carpenter Re-elected State Chaplain of B. P. O. E. This Morning.

(Special wire to Gazette) Norfolk, Va., Oct. 5.—Rev. Edgar C. Carpenter, of Alexandria, has been re-elected state Chaplain of the B. P. O. E., for the coming year in the sessions of the Order now in meeting here under the presidency of State President James W. Bales, also of Alexandria.

Other officers elected this morning were: James V. Parker, Portsmouth, president; W. R. Laughran, Norfolk, 1st vice president; W. C. Godsey, Petersburg, 2nd vice president; V. D. Peeples, Manchester, 3rd vice president; H. K. Hawthorne, Charlottesville, secretary; J. B. Biley, Richmond, treasurer; R. L. J. Gaylord, Hampton, Sergeant at Arms.

The convention, which convened yesterday morning and will conclude tomorrow night, has been marked by a large and enthusiastic attendance. The convention next year will be held in Lynchburg.

Miss V. Jones, of High Point, N. C., is spending some time in Alexandria as the house guest of Miss Marion Greenaway in her home in 214 north Columbus street.

NOTICE.

The bowling alleys, and athletic department of the Westminster building, will reopen at 7 p. m. Friday, October 6th. All men and boys of good moral character are invited to join. Membership cards can be obtained at the building or from any members of the Board of Governors. The membership is undenominational. Alfred Thomson, Secretary. 232-3t.

Charles E. Corgan, has leased for the winter the pretty little cottage of Mr. A. Slaymaker, at Braddock.

Mrs. Henry Harrison, of Leesburg, is the guest of her cousin, Miss Sarah Lee, at 517 Cameron street.

Mrs. Charles Edward Potts, of Ashland, Va., is visiting her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. C. Keith Carlin, in north Columbus St.

Mrs. George Benjamin Rawlings, and young daughter, Ethel, of Boston Mass., have been visiting Mrs. Y. Wellington Rose.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry O'Bannon Cooper, have returned to their home, at Lloyds, after spending several weeks in Boston, Mass.

Miss Minnie Henderson has returned from New York where she spent several weeks and is the guest for a few days of Mrs. Charles C. Carlin in north Washington street.

Rev. Frank Osborne and Rev. J. N. Bynum who have been visiting friends in this city have left to take up their winter's work. Mr. Osborne has gone to Brazil and Mr. Bynum will have a church at Winton, North Carolina.

Mrs. Frank Craighill and twin sons Frank and John, of Falls Church, Va., are visiting Mrs. Craighill's mother Mrs. John T. Johnson in north Washington street. Mrs. Johnson entertained informally yesterday afternoon for her daughter and grandsons.

At a meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary to R. E. Lee Camp, held Tuesday night the association decided to hold their annual oyster supper, on Thursday, December 7th, in Confederate Veterans building.

Recognizing the fact that a large number of its readers are interested in Alexandria's attractive suburbs—Rosemont, Delray, Braddock, North Braddock, Park Addition, St. Elmo, Cottage Park, Mt. Ida, and Hume, the Gazette with this issue opens this department for the publication therein of personal mention and other news from its suburban districts. Items will be gladly welcomed from any and all of the residents of those sections and be given a place in this department. May we have your cooperation, good people? The Gazette is here to assist in the further development of the splendid growth you are making.

Portraits of Prof. Forest Cole to be Given Away With Saturday's Issue of the Alexandria Gazette.

A portrait of Prof. Forest Cole, the popular music director of the Gypsy Smith evangelistic party, who made many friends while in this city, will be given away with the Gazette on Saturday, Oct. 7th.

In order for us to supply those who are not regular subscribers it will be necessary that they send in their orders at once so that a sufficient number of extra copies may be printed.

David N. Rust, Jr., of Braddock Heights, has shipped from his farm in Leesburg, a carload of thoroughbred Holstein cattle, via Key West, Florida, to Havana, Cuba.

Philip Mauson, of North Braddock, left yesterday afternoon with Company K, 3rd Regiment, for service on the Texas border.

The books of the registration booths of the four precincts of the city will be open on Saturday next for registration and amendment. Any person not previously registered or who will come of age before November 7 may qualify on Saturday.

It will Pay Advertisers to Watch The Gazette—Its Circulation is Climbing each day.

Mrs. French, wife of Mr. George B. French, died at her home in Del Ray, Alexandria county, last night.

Miss Fortunata Kirkpatrick, left Alexandria, today to attend the National Cathedral School, in Washington.

The Rev. J. D. Gibson, with his little daughter, Janet, of Norfolk, are the guests of Mrs. Thomas Leadbeater.

Miss Allen the new dietician at the Alexandria Hospital has arrived and taken up her duties. Miss Allen comes from Vancouver, B. C.

The first meeting of the Wednesday afternoon Bible class, of Christ Church, was held yesterday afternoon, from three to five o'clock, in the Parish Hall, Miss Elizabeth E. Griffith is the leader of this class.

The girls of the High School are enthusiastic about the physical culture training which is being given them by Professor Blanton on Tuesday afternoons. Practically all the girls in the school are enrolled in the classes.

The eighth district Republican Committee met last night in Hotel Rammel to consider plans to further the candidacy of Joseph L. Crupper, who will oppose Representative Charles C. Carlin, in November. H. P. Dodge of Manassas, presided. H. A. Sager, of Herndon, acted as secretary.

Miss Nellie Uhler, has returned from Virginia Beach, where she spent the past month with her brother-in-law, and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Calvert Smoot, 3rd., who have had a cottage at the beach during the summer. Mr. and Mrs. Smoot with their family have returned to their home at North Wilkesboro, N. C.

The twentieth Virginia State Conference of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution opened in Danville yesterday morning and will close this evening. The election of officers was taken up today. Miss Helen Calvert is the delegate representing Mount Vernon Chapter, this city.

The subject of the sermon to be delivered at the Old Presbyterian Church, tonight, by Rev. R. W. Stancill, will be "Winning Souls." On Friday night, he will preach on "All religious authority in Heaven and on earth invested in Christ, the Crowned King."

THE UNION MEETINGS

The two union prayer meetings for men and women held in the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and Trinity Methodist Episcopal Church, respectively, were largely attended. They were devotional in their character.

In Trinity Church Mrs. Edward S. Fawcett, presided at a short business session which preceded the regular meeting at 8 o'clock. The later service was opened in prayer by the Rev. P. Parker Phillips and the Rev. John Lee Allison pronounced the benediction. Mrs. Fawcett has been chosen as permanent chairman of the women's organization and Mrs. George T. Klipstein will continue to act as secretary. It was decided to hold a union prayer meeting each week.

The men did not come to any definite conclusion as to the future in the meeting, but they will call another in a week or two, at which time it is expected that permanent organization to continue the work of the revival just closed will be formed. W. H. Melchior, presided at this meeting. Among the other speakers were Rev. Dr. William J. Morton, Dr. Charles E. Outcalt and Rev. Dr. Eugene B. Jackson.

Fish day tomorrow. Large perch, medium rocks, white perch, Norfolk spots, butter fish, salt water croakers, large and medium trout, Sanitary Fish Market, stall No. 2, City Market Phone 735.

CEMETERY CAPEN

We manufacture a cement capen which looks like granite stone. Prices are reasonable.

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COMING HOME SOON

Alexandria Cit-Soldier Tells of Camp Life and Visit of General Funston—Homeward Bound in near Future

Last night our brigade had a "call to arms." Taps are at eleven o'clock, and the stragglers had just gone to sleep when the call sounded at eleven fifteen. In ten minutes we were marching. We marched about a mile and a half and then waited for the rest of the brigade. We were the first ones out.

Of course, merely a midnight call to arms was not exciting enough in itself so we had to have a storm. The skies had been cloudy all the evening but just as we started the wind began to blow furiously, and after we started the rain poured. It came down in torrents and drenched us through to the skin. The rain kept up for about an hour, and then the mud! It was fierce!

We got back to camp about half-past one, only to find everything soaked wet. However my cot was dry out my blankets were soaked. I took a shower and rubbed up a good circulation, put on dry clothes and my sweater, and slept in them, but nearly froze without a blanket. It is a wonder we don't get pneumonia from some of these storms, but it does not seem to effect us at all.

On account of the "call" our usual Friday hike was called off and re-vivified was an hour later. We have had no drills today at all.

We had quite a distinguished visitor today. Major General Funston arrived and paid a hurried visit to each of the camps around here. In all probability we will have to go to the Fort tomorrow and be reviewed by him.

A railroad man in the General's party told Lieut. Col. Creghill we have already been routed, and that we will travel in touring cars, and not in day coaches. He said, however, that he didn't know whether we would leave this year or next. We try to comfort ourselves with the thought that they would hardly make such definite arrangements for such an indefinite date.

We must be going to leave shortly, for everything seems to point that way.

I am enclosing a copy of a poem printed in the Brownsville Sentinel which we think pretty good.

LADY MACCABEES

Instal Officers for the Year and Make Presentation

In the recent business session of the Lady Maccabees of the world, held in their meeting place, 117 north Pitt street, the following officers were installed.

Commander, Mrs. L. Quigley; past commander, Mrs. George W. Zachary; lieutenant commander, Mrs. Lewis G. Rothwell; record keeper, Mrs. J. E. Cassidy, chaplain, Mrs. James Cunningham; lady at arms, Mrs. Irving Brawner; sergeant, Miss Anne Potter; finance auditor, Miss Eddie Dickert; sentinel, Mrs. J. Padgett; picket, Mrs. E. McCuen; organist, Miss M. Nalls.

At the close of the meeting Mrs. Ashby E. Bladen was presented with a cut glass ice cream tray and a large bouquet of pink roses. This was in acknowledgement of her faithful service to the Order as Record Keeper. She had held this office for fourteen years. The presentation speech was delivered by Mrs. Irving Brawner.

WORK FOR ARMOR PLANT

General Committee of Alexandrians Will Meet Tomorrow Morning at 10 O'clock.

The general committee of representative business men, who are working in season and out of season in efforts to induce the government to accept the suitable site offered in Alexandria for the new armor factory, will meet tomorrow morning, at 11 o'clock, in the rooms of the Chamber of Commerce. The meeting was originally called for 4 o'clock, but a majority of the members of the committee find it more suitable to them to meet at 11 o'clock. The committee on statistics from which the brief is to be prepared, and of which M. B. Harlow is chairman, will make a report at this meeting.

MASONS ARE ACTIVE

Their Slogan is "Something New Each Night"—Work of Erecting Booths Commences in Armory Hall Tonight in Charge of J. E. Shinn.

The work of the various committees in preparation for the monster Masonic Bazaar, to open on next Monday evening in Armory Hall, is proceeding with vim. The proceeds of the Bazaar are to defray the expenses of the proposed Memorial to Washington, the Mason, a nationwide movement.

The work of constructing booths, arranging lights, and decorating the hall will begin in earnest tonight. J. E. Shinn has charge of this particular portion of the work, and he will have a large force of mechanics at his disposal.

In addition to the arrangements already announced in the Gazette, it is now stated that on Wednesday night, which has been set apart as Eastern Star night, the fraternity band of the Lamb Skin, Masonic Club, of Washington, will furnish the music. The club has a large active membership and its band consisting of forty instruments is considered one of the finest in the district. Special trains will convey the Eastern Star chapters, musicians and others from Washington to this city. They will arrive about 8 o'clock.

The slogan of the Bazaar is "Something New Each Night."

The following list of booth-holders has just been given out by the committee of arrangements:

Alexandria—Washington Lodge, Miss Cochran and Miss Waller—The Kitchen.

Andrew Jackson Lodge, Miss Luckett—Fancy Articles.

Old Dominion Commandery, Mrs. C. W. Fletcher.—The New Edison Phonograph.

Mystic Shrine, Mrs. E. H. Kemper—Smoking Room.

Order Eastern Star, Mrs. F. W. Latham—Refreshments.

Mt. Vernon R. A. Chapter, Mrs. George W. Zachary, and Mrs. R. A. Zachary—Groceries.

Dodge Brothers Automobile, Mrs. George H. Schwarzmann.

Flowers, Mrs. J. E. W. Timberman and Miss Callahan.

HIGH SCHOOL CADETS

Have Become Efficient and Are Divided into two Companies

The total enrolment of the High School cadets is now about 110 including officers, non-coms, and privates. The cadets have been divided into two six-squad companies—A and B—under the respective commands of Superintendent of Schools, W. H. Sweeney and Stanley G. Blanton, principal of the High School. Student acting captains of these companies are Merrill Lynch and A. Bennett.

The drilling now includes marching out through the city streets and the fellows are already showing signs in their gait and set-up that indicate that their training is of value to them.

CLASS OF '18

Owing to the departure of former president Leo Pohl, for Eastern College, a called meeting of the class of '18, of the High School, was held yesterday afternoon. The purpose was the re-election of officers of the class. Miss Dorothy Plunkett was elected to replace Pohl. Hugh Murphy, vice president; Miss Lucy Reardon, secretary, and Miss Mary Reed, treasurer, were all re-elected.

New business considered by the students was the decision to entertain the sophomores and Seniors in a Halloween dance to be given in the High School auditorium on the evening of Friday, October 27.

FRESH FISH

Rock fish, large spots, butter fish, salt water croakers, white perch, winter shad, and salt water trout, will be on sale the balance of the week.

GEO. E. PRICE, and Co.

Cherry Stone Oysters on half shell Rammel Cafe.